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The following is a list of European officers in the Industries Department recruited on special contracts during the last twelve years :—

Dr. E. F. Marsden, Industrial Chemist.
Mr. A. Guthrie, Leather Expert.
Mr. W. Fyfe, Inspector of Industrial Schools.
Lieut.-Col. Watts, Industrial Engineer.
Mrs. Bryant, Manageress, Fruit Preserving Institute.

The period for which No. 5 was recruited is not over yet. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were retained after completion of the original period of contract as the Government found they had ample work to do which could not be done by any local recruit. No. 4 was replaced by an Indian trained in the United Kingdom. The last mentioned is the only vacancy filled up, after the Reforms Scheme has been introduced.

(d) The possibility has been considered.

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—“ With reference to question No. 561 (b), it is not stated whether the matter has been considered and what conclusions have been arrived at.”

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—“ There is no necessity for a supplementary question, Sir. A statement of fact is made.”

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—“ No, Sir, that is not the answer to the question.”

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—“ The answer is contained in the previous answers. It is not at present possible to give effect to it.”

Agricultural circles in the Presidency.

562 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(1) the number of Agricultural circles at present; what districts are allotted to the different circles;

(2) when the number of circles and distribution of the districts was fixed;

(3) what the pay is of the officers in charge of the circles and to which service they belong;

(4) whether any assistants are appointed or sanctioned to these circles in addition to the officer in charge of the circle; and

(5) what the experience is of the officers in charge of the circles in agricultural work either in India or elsewhere and what it is in India alone?

A.—(1) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to page 27 of the Villagers' Calendar, 1922–23, available at any Government publishers.

(2) There were two divisions in the Presidency until 1st January 1914, when a third division was formed. The reorganization of the department sanctioned by the Secretary of State in 1915 provided for the division of the Presidency into seven circles. These seven circles were formed as suitable men

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became available, one in November 1916, one in April 1918, one in November 1920 and one in June 1921. An eighth circle was added in November 1920.

- (3) The Circle officers are designated Deputy Directors and they are on a scale of Rs. 350—1,250 with an overseas pay of Rs. 150 to 250 in the case of officers of non-Indian domicile. There is a selection grade from Rs. 1,250—1,500. They belong to the Indian Agricultural Service.
- (4) Yes : it is intended that each circle should ultimately have an Assistant Director, a member of the Madras Agricultural Service. At present only three circles have got an assistant.
- (5) Of the eight officers in charge of circles four, of whom one is a European, were educated in the United Kingdom, and in the course of their education did practical agricultural work. In the case of three of these officers, their Indian experience dates from the time of their appointment, a period varying from one to three years. The fourth officer had served as an Assistant Director for nearly twelve years before his promotion to the Imperial Service. The training and experience of the remaining four officers has been entirely in India. The most junior of them has completed eight years' service.

Location of police hospitals.

563 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number and the places of police hospitals in the Presidency which are located in places where there are other public or private hospitals?

A.—There are ten such hospitals at Anantapur, Vellore, Coimbatore, Mangalore, Kurnool, Cannanore, Sivakasi, Salem, Palamcottah and Koraput.

MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“Have the Government satisfied themselves that there is need for the continuance of the police hospitals in those places where there are other Government hospitals? I find that in a number of places there are police hospitals in addition to public and private hospitals.”

The hon. MR. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“I understand, Sir, that some of these hospitals are being amalgamated into general hospitals.”

Representation of the depressed classes in the local boards of Bellary.

564. Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(i) whether there is any member of the depressed classes on the Bellary taluk board; and

(ii) whether there are other local boards also without such representatives, and if so, which?

A.—(i) The answer is in the negative.

(ii) A statement of the members of the depressed classes appointed to local boards in the Presidency will be furnished to the hon. Member.